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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 116892

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, MT, US

SUBJECT: MINTOFF INVITATION TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

1. MALTESE CHARGE GAUCI CALLED AT THE DEPARTMENT MAY 17 TO TRANSMIT AN INVITATION FROM MINTOFF TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO VISIT MALTA DURING RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. MINTOFF'S PURPOSE IN SEEKING MEETING, ACCORDING TO GAUCI, WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN MALTA'S POSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT AND TO DISCUSS OTHER ASPECTS OF MALTESE POLICIES IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THEY WERE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. MINTOFF WAS SAID TO WANT HIGH LEVEL DIRECT CHANNEL INTO NEW ADMINISTRATION. WE TOLD GAUCI WE WOULD EXPECT AMBASSADOR TO ACCOMPANY UNDER SECRETARY ON ANY CALLS ON THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT, AND GAUCI THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION.

2. UNDER SECRETARY RETURNED TO WASHINGTON MAY 18 AND HIS SCHEDULE UNTIL MID-JUNE IS SUCH THAT ANOTHER TRIP TO THE AREA IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE SO INFORMED  
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GAUCI, MAKING CLEAR THAT WE WOULD REPLY FORMALLY TO THE INVITATION LATER AFTER CONSULTING YOU. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF A VISIT TO MALTA

BY THE UNDER SECRETARY AND ON HOW WE SHOULD RESPOND TO MINTOFF'S INVITATION. THOUGH WE ARE FULLY MINDFUL THAT MINTOFF'S PURPOSE IS AT LEAST PARTLY TO INVOLVE US IN HIS

POLITICAL-ECONOMIC GUARANTEE SCHEME, WE ARE DISPOSED TO  
ACCEPT THE INVITATION AS A GESTURE OF OUR CONTINUING  
INTEREST IN AND GOOD WILL TOWARDS MALTA IF YOU BELIEVE IT  
WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DO SO,AND THAT HABIB VISIT WOULD  
NOT WEAKEN PRESENT POLICY OF PUTTING PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY  
ON MALTA'S EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS. CHRISTOPHER

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